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ATTLEE CHIDES HIS M.P.s.

London, Nov. 28.
Prime Minister Attlee is understood to have warned a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour party today of the dangers of mass abstentions from voting with the Government such as characterised the revolt of 100 Labour members on foreign policy in Parliament last week.

The meeting was reminded of the collapse of the Neville Chamberlain Government. As was expected, a section of the members sponsored the demand to reintroduce the suspended standing orders of the Party which formerly gave the power to discipline members, even to the extent of expulsion for serious breaches of the rules.

This suggestion was eventually withdrawn and a proposal for the continuation of the suspension of standing orders was carried unanimously.

Political quarters interpret the result as reflecting the keen desire of the Government to continue to leave members unregimented.

The idea to suspend the standing orders has all along been strongly championed by the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is the leader of the House. Mr. Morrison has consistently expressed the view that the party with 400 members out of the Parliamentary total of 640 should show a healthy capacity by permitting its supporters the maximum freedom of thought and action.

Today's meeting, which was private, was attended by a considerable number of Cabinet Ministers and a conciliatory note which seems to have been struck all round suggests that the domestic crisis in the party has passed.—Reuter.

Two Versions

London, Nov. 29.
Accounts of what went on at the meeting differed.

Some who were there said Attlee "astonished everyone by the ferocity of his attack" upon the rebels who led the revolt.

Others said he and Deputy Prime Minister Morrison were "like tolerant fathers welcoming the return of prodigal sons."

The second version seemed more likely since the meeting refused with only two dissenting votes to tighten party control over the members' votes.

All sources agreed that Attlee and others chided and forgave. They agreed also that Attlee said Britain's position abroad could only have been harmed by

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT RISING Mine Operators Willing To Discuss Terms

No Move Yet By John L. Lewis

Washington, Nov. 29.
A spokesman for the mine operators expressed willingness today to discuss a shorter work week with John L. Lewis but Lewis gave no sign of calling off the nationwide coal strike and the Government prepared to push its contempt of court case against him.

As the second week of the economy-wrecking walkout of 400,000 bituminous miners began, Edward P. Burke, President of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said the owners would be "very happy" to negotiate a contract with the mine union boss.

Murder Attempt Denied

New York, Nov. 29.

The United States has formally denied the Soviet Ukraine charges of premeditated political attempt upon the lives of two Ukrainian delegates to the United Nations, firmly insisting that they were not "way-laid" but, rather, were victims of a robbery getaway.

Secretary of State Byrnes wrote to Foreign Minister Dimitri Manuilsky of the Soviet Ukraine, expressing the United States Government's "sincere regret" that delegate Gregory Steinhilber was shot and wounded on November 21 by gunmen fleeing from a delicatessen store robbery.

But Byrnes made it plain that his Government rejected Manuilsky's allegations that the shooting was premeditated. He asserted that Steinhilber and his companion delegate Alexis Voyna would have been killed "easily" if the shooting had been a deliberate attempt on their lives.

The police said the bullet was fired by one of two still unidentified men who had just held up the store's clerk and two customers.—Associated Press.

The revolt which stemmed from an amendment calling on the Government to adopt "an independent Socialist" foreign policy tied neither to the United States or Russia.—Associated Press.

Chinese Communists Besiege Tatung

Peiping, Nov. 29.

Strong Communist forces are besieging Tatung, vital coal-mining and railroad centre in Northern Shansi, for the second time in less than three months.

The Reds, who failed to capture the ancient walled city after 45 days of almost continuous attacks last summer, again pushed into Tatung's suburbs.

Government military authorities expressed deep concern whether the beleaguered city could hold out a second time and said that the Communists this time had thrown in much stronger forces than before.

The Communists' main drive is toward the city's walls from the west to east, but another push is swiftly developing from the south. The Reds launched their first attack against Tatung on Aug. 8, shelling the city for days and fought right to the city's high walls, but failed to scale them.

In southern Shansi, Communist forces are reported crossing the Yellow River into Shensi, apparently driving toward Yenan.

The Reds claim that the Nationalists have started an offensive against their headquarters and have evacuated the "liberated" city. Yenan is about 60 miles west of the Yellow River.

The Communists continued their attacks against both the Peiping-Tientsin and Tientsin-Pukow railroads.

Military sources reported that 4,000 Reds hit Kuyuan, two miles south of Lucha on the Peiping-Tientsin line. Lucha is 33 miles south of Peiping.

The latest report said that fighting is still in progress.

Manchuria

In Manchuria, the Communists were reported to be renewing their activities along the Peiping-Mukden rail line, south of Mukden. A large force is massed at Liaoyang and Hsilingyueh, South of Mukden.

Farther south, the Reds assaulted Chienchi just north of the Manchuria-North China border.

Large Red forces were reported attempting to encircle Government-held positions in Southern Hopei and North Honan. These troops are pushing southward and are forcing the Government troops to retreat on both sides, suffering severe losses.—Associated Press.

HEIGHT OF IMPUDENCE?

Jerusalem, Nov. 28.
The Jewish Agency spokesman disclosed today that the Jewish National Council had lodged claims for compensation totalling \$96,000 with British Military Headquarters in Palestine.

The claims were in respect of damage alleged to have been done by British troops during searches for terrorists and hidden arms in the Jewish city of Tel Aviv and a number of Jewish communal settlements in various parts of Palestine since June 29 this year, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

Training Of The Army

London, Nov. 28.

Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today that the great bulk of training of British forces must continue to take place in Britain and not in the Dominions or elsewhere overseas.

Even if suitable areas overseas were readily available the expense, waste of time and immense amount of transport involved, would be prohibitive quite apart from the necessity of having training grounds available in this country, in any case, for men called up for National Service for auxiliary services.

He was replying to suggestions that part of the training should take place in Canada or elsewhere in view of the fact that the training grounds which Service Ministers proposed to retain in Britain, often included beauty spots and valuable agricultural land.—Reuter.

Treaty Defended

Cairo, Nov. 29.

Prime Minister Ismail Sidky Pasha, in a letter to the Arabic language newspaper "Al Ahram," warmly defended the revised treaty with Britain which his Government is expected to sign shortly despite popular demonstrations against the terms.

Sidky Pasha said that the 3 month period which the treaty would allow the British for the withdrawal of their troops was based on British insistence that time was needed to build bases elsewhere, but that the Egyptian military experts had suggested at least two years should be allowed.—Associated Press.

QUIET MARKET IN GEMS

Johannesburg, Nov. 29.

The present quiet period in the gem market here is likely to continue indefinitely, according to the "Diamond News."

Demand for polished stones is chiefly restricted to those of one carat, while there are still few buyers for Cape and spotted stones.

Sights continue to be held mostly with assortment remaining much the same.—Reuter.

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Belgian Govt. Crisis

Brussels, Nov. 28.

The President of the Senate suspended the session for an hour this afternoon after the departmental budget had been defeated by 82 votes to 82, which under Belgian Parliamentary practice constitute a defeat for the Government.

M. Robert Gillon, the President, said the unfavourable vote was due to the absence of two members of the Government coalition, which has a majority of one in the Senate.

On the resumption of the session, the Social Christian party announced it would walk out if the Government did not accept the verdict of the House by resigning.

The Prime Minister, M. Camille Hussenot, retorted: "The Government" will not waver.

Quoting a pre-war precedent for the action, the Premier said the Government would introduce the war damage budget to the Senate again.

The leader of the Opposition in the Senate, M. Paul Struye, declared: "If the Government maintains its attitude the Social Christian party will refuse to associate itself with such a distorted functioning of Parliament and will leave the Chamber."

Earlier, three members of the Social Christian party walked out of the Senate and the president proceeded to call the roll to establish whether a quorum remained.

Lacking one Senator for a quorum, the president closed the session of the Senate thus putting a formal seal on the governmental and Parliamentary deadlock.—Reuter.

Air Mail To Manila

The Postmaster-General announces that an air mail service has now been established between Hong Kong and Manila, the rate being 60 cents per half ounce.

The services to Manila will start next week, the first despatch being made on Monday, by C.N.A.C.

Mails will close at the G.P.O. at 10 a.m. for ordinary, and 9.30 a.m. for registered covers.

Britons Planned Munich Beer Hall Explosion?

New York, Nov. 29.

The Munich beer hall explosion in 1939, which narrowly missed killing Adolf Hitler, was planned in the German underground before the war and financed by a group of British editors and business men who had banded together originally to oppose the Chamberlain "appeasement" policy, Werner Knop, newspaperman who says he handed the deal, writes in the "Saturday Evening Post."

Knop, a naturalised British citizen born in Germany who had worked in France and Belgium as well as for several British papers, says that in May 1939, he was director of Union Time, Inc., the organisation formed to campaign for a strong policy toward Germany under the guise of a press agency that a Mrs. Olday, alias Hilda Monte, member of a German Socialist group, was sent to him by G. R. Strauss, one of Union Time's sponsors and now Parliamentary Secretary to the British Minister of Transport.

The woman, who finally killed herself, when captured by the Germans, after passing back and forth through their lines for some time with information for the Allies after D-Day in Europe, outlined plans for killing Hitler and asked for financial help.

Deal Made

Although not believing in assassination as an instrument of international policy, the question before the group boiled down to whether Hitler's death would avoid war. The deal was made, but the German group was required to prove its ability through other scheduled acts of sabotage before money passed. It finally went to a man whom Knop does not name.

Other plans having failed because of Hitler's constantly changing routine after the war started,

Cabinet Crisis In France

Paris, Nov. 28.
France was tonight in the throes of a Governmental crisis with the resignation of the three-party coalition Cabinet led by Premier Georges Bidault, the head of Mouvement Republicain (the Progressive Catholics).

This became effective this afternoon after Marcel Cachin, 77-year-old Communist, the oldest deputy in the New Assembly and therefore its acting President, had read the Premier's letter of resignation in the House.

M. Bidault's Cabinet will continue to act as a caretaker government, but no important decisions on Cabinet level will be taken until a new Government is formed.

Political observers consider there is no chance of this happening before the end of next week. It will more probably be even later—after the election of France's second Chamber on Sunday week December 8.

The Communist press announced today that Maurice Thorez, the leader of the party, was "candidate for the post of Premier in the new Government." Earlier, the Communist party said it would refuse to back the caretaker government under M. Bidault.

The Assembly is due to elect a new Premier early next week, possibly on Tuesday, after choosing a Speaker of the Assembly. Socialist Vincent Auriol, who has been the "Speaker" in two successive Assemblies since last January, is again expected to be chosen for this post.

Tense Silence

A crowded chamber listened in tense silence to M. Cachin's speech which was interpreted in the lobbies as setting out the Communist party's current programme rather than current positions on the national scene presented in the Assembly.

The points on which M. Cachin's speech aroused comment were:

1. His demand for a further purge of collaborators and Vichies. It had been understood that by Government decision no prosecutions would be instituted and that "cleansing" periods had been brought to a close.

2. His charges against Britain and the United States of "refusing France her just reparations" from Germany, and of encouraging a potential aggressor by ensuring to Germany a preponderant place in Europe.

Alliance

His attack on Britain and the United States was pointedly couched with the remark that French alliances with the Soviet Union was the keystone of French foreign policy.

This emphasis on an alliance, coming at a moment when the while closing time at the Kowloon Post Office will be one hour earlier in each case.

The first of the post-war air mail services linking Hong Kong and Manila is being carried by C.N.A.C. but it is intended to extend the services to other lines in due course.

Details of further despatches will be published in the daily mail notice.

For the sale of four oranges at \$2.00, the controlled price being 40 cents each, Yip Kik-leung, of the Leung Kee Stall, No. 34, Des Vaux Road Central near the Lee Yuen Street, was fined \$150.

Ung Wai-yuen, of the Chang Hing Store, No. 462, Hennessy Road, was fined \$75 for selling a tin of Shinola shoe polish at 70 cents, while the controlled price was 60 cents.

Leung Ping, of the Leung Ping Kee, Bonham Strand East, was fined \$75 for the sale of an apple and orange for 70 cents each, when the controlled price was 45 and 40 cents, respectively.

A similar fine was imposed on Ho So of the Pak Kee Stall, Morrison Street, for the sale of two oranges at \$1.40.

Wong Sin of the Chin Hing Stall, No. 28, Hillier Street, was fined \$50 for the sale of two oranges at \$1.00.

Tong Hing-shui, of the Lam Kee stall, No. 1, Aberdeen Street, was fined \$50 for selling two oranges at \$1.20.

Light Bulb

For selling an electric light bulb at \$3.00, while the controlled price was \$1.25, Leo Tong of the Evening Electrical Company, No. 146, Gloucester Road, was fined \$25.

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H.K.V.D.C. WIDOWS' PENSIONS

Approved pensions payable to widows of H.K.V.D.C. personnel for the month of November may be collected from the Accountant-General's Office, Prince's Building, Ice House Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

DRINKS TO COST MORE MONDAY!

The Meals and Intoxicating Liquor Tax Ordinance of 1946, is to come into force with effect from Monday at 6 a.m.

A tax of 10% is to be added to all bills presented to customers for meals supplied excluding intoxicating liquor, costing over five dollars per head; and on all bills presented to customers in respect of intoxicating liquor, regardless of amount. No tax is to be levied on the sale of cigarettes.

Any restaurant owner or manager who may be in doubt as to the exact procedure to be followed, is requested to contact Mr. F. J. Anslow, Treasury (Revenue Branch), 1A, Des Vaux Road, Central.

Stern Warning To Shop Keepers

A stern warning was issued by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday that from now on cases of over-charging will be dealt with severely, when another batch of shopkeepers were summoned for selling commodities above the Government controlled price.

Mr. W. H. Nollath of Supplies, Trade and Industry, Price Control Section, conducted the prosecution in all cases.

Taoi Fun, manager of the Wang Cheung Heng Firm, at No. 14, Wing Lok Street, was fined \$750 for selling six tins of Ovaltine at \$60.30. The official price was \$3.60 per tin.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that there was no excuse for a whole-sale dealer to sell above the controlled price, especially where foodstuffs were concerned.

Chan Chi Sing, of the Tai Shun store, No. 142, Bonham Strand West, was fined \$250 for selling a tin of Bournville cocoa at \$1.50, the controlled price being \$1.30.

Yam Kai-wah, of the Luen Wah Company, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$200 for the sale of a medium size tube of Kolynos tooth paste at \$2.60, 60 cents in excess of the official price.

Bin Shiu-wing, of the Hing Leong Company, No. 334, Hennessy Road, was fined \$160 for the sale of a tin of Gibbo dentifrice for 70 cents, the controlled price being 55 cents.

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Jerusalem, Nov. 29.

The Palestine Supreme Court rejected today a habeas corpus action filed in an effort to prevent the deportation of some 3,000 Jews who arrived in Palestine waters this week and have been cruising off the coast for three days in three British deportation ships awaiting the court decision.

Chief Justice Sir William Fitzgerald read the decision, which said that the Jewish attorneys who filed the petition failed to prove illegality of detention on the ships or illegal intention on the part of the Palestine Government to detain them on Cyprus.—Associated Press.

FLOODS IN BRITAIN

London, Nov. 28.

For the second time in a week there were reports today of rivers in Southern England and the Midlands overflowing their banks.

After a temporary fall of two or three inches in the level of the Thames, the Conservancy authorities said today it was rising again.

North Dorset has the worst floods for many years with hundreds of acres of farmland under water and cottages and farms isolated. For the second time in three days, parts of Blandford, Dorset, are under water.

Business has had to stop in some shops. The Automobile Association has issued a list of 18 impassable roads.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone now covers China and the neighbouring seas, and extends eastward to the Sea of Japan. It has decreased slightly in intensity. Pressure is low in Japan and over the equatorial region.

Today's Forecast—Fresh NE winds inshore, strong offshore; mainly cloudy, cooler.

Yesterday's weather—Maximum—71.2 deg. Fah. Minimum—60.8 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity—80 per cent. Rainfall—Nil. Sunshine—0.3 hours.

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Jury's Unusual Rider Surprises Judge

SS. "China Victory" Due On Dec. 15

The United States Lines Co. general agents for the Pacific Far East Line, announced that their s/s "China Victory" will arrive in Hong Kong on Dec. 15, and will sail from Hong Kong directly to San Francisco on Dec. 16.

This is the first trip to China for the "China Victory" which was named in honour of the Republic of China. The vessel was built by the California Ship Building Corporation in Los Angeles, and was launched two years ago, being christened by the wife of one of the leading Chinese on the Pacific coast. The steamer is 10,734 tons dead weight and displaces 15,200 tons. It is powered with steam turbines and has a cruising speed of 18 knots. The "China Victory" is 439 feet long and 62 feet in breadth. It is an ideal cargo carrier and has special tanks for bulk woodoil.

The "China Victory" will arrive in San Francisco well in advance of Chinese New Year, and is booking a considerable amount of Chinese merchandise for the Pacific Coast. It is expected that the vessel will be one of many of the regular run between the American Pacific Coast and the China Coast.

To accommodate many shippers, it has been arranged to have the "China Victory" call at Honolulu en route to San Francisco, enabling many Chinese in the Hawaiian Islands to enjoy Chinese foodstuffs during the celebration of Chinese New Year.

ARAB LEAGUE WARNING

Cairo, Nov. 29. The continuation of Jewish immigration into Palestine will cause trouble in the Middle East, and may effect the London-Palestine conference due to be resumed on December 16, the Arab League said yesterday.

In a statement issued after a three hour session, the League said: "The seven Arab states protest against the continuation of Jewish immigration to Palestine and against the lack of firmness in the British Government's attitude concerning immigration and they foresee that if the immigration continues, it will cause trouble in the Middle East."—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 29. UNRRA Director General F. H. LaGuardia has allocated funds for child relief out of a \$2,250,000 cash total received through the emergency food drive led by former Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace, China, India, Greece, and the Philippines each received \$300,000.—Associated Press.

A member of the Police Force, Chan, Wing-hang, detective sergeant, was charged before Mr. H. C. Sheldon K.C. at Central Magistracy yesterday with attempting to obtain a bribe of \$1,500 from Li Kam-lam.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned for a week. Bail of \$5,000 was allowed.

An unusual rider was added at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by a jury who unanimously found an Indian driver of the Royal Signals not guilty on a charge of manslaughter, but dealt with severely for a breach of traffic regulations by driving a lorry in excess of the speed limit.

Remarkable that it was peculiar and unusual for a jury to forward such a recommendation, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, informed the jury that the accused was charged only with manslaughter and that as they had unanimously found him not guilty of the charge, he could do nothing but acquit him.

Discharging the accused, Sir Henry told him to bear in mind the jury's recommendation against speedy driving. His Lordship also remarked that it was his opinion that there were too many cases of speedy driving by military vehicles in the Colony.

The accused was Sadhu Singh, who, according to Major Dirs (officer in charge of the Royal Signals), had had no accident throughout the Burma campaign for two and a half years, and was a first class driver.

The jury retired for 30 minutes to find Sadhu Singh not guilty of unlawfully killing a 55-year-old woman, Chan Mui, in Nathan Road on Sept. 30 as a result of an accident.

According to the Crown's allegation, the accused drove at between 40 and 45 m.p.h. and suddenly applied the lorry's brakes.

Before it came to a standstill, the lorry skidded and turned more than a right angle, knocking down the woman and colliding with a hand cart. Sadhu Singh allegedly reversed the lorry and started off again.

In doing so, Sadhu Singh allegedly drove it over the woman's body and killed her.

In his evidence, Sadhu Singh denied that he was driving at high speed and denied that he knew he had knocked the woman

down. He admitted colliding with the hand cart and reversing the lorry before re-starting. He maintained that he did not see a woman in front of the lorry before colliding with the hand cart.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown prosecutor, Mr. B. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli, represented Sadhu Singh.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION NO. 1165

(Translation)

With reference to Customs Notification No. 1161, the Public are hereby notified that under Government instructions received through the Inspector General of Customs the following instructions contained in Customs Notification No. 1161 to the effect that goods actually en route from abroad on the 17th November 1946 may temporarily be passed by the Customs without production of Import Licences, are hereby rescinded, and that all goods not cleared through the Customs prior to the 28th November 1946 will not be permitted importation into China unless covered by Import Licences.

The foregoing should be read in conjunction with Press Notification No. 1 issued by the Board for the Temporary Regulation of Imports in Shanghai which has been received and which is being exhibited at this Office.

G. N. GAWLER, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

Kowloon Customs Office, Marina House, Hongkong, 29th Nov., 1946.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of One Dollar per share and a Bonus of One Dollar per share has been declared payable as on the 16th December, 1946.

The Share Transfer Books will be closed from Monday, 9th December, 1946 to Monday, 16th December, 1946 (inclusive) for the purpose of the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 16th December, 1946.

By Order of the Board, A. W. BROWN, General Manager.

Hongkong, 29th Nov., 1946.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE

The following list of successful candidates in the recent examination for Sanitary Inspectors held by the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Sanitary Institute is published for information.

Chan Cha Huen, Yung Shau Wing, Yau Kar Pok, Ah Sze Him, Kwok Hon Ming, Wai Chit Ming, Paul Lam, Lai Chi Shun, John Alexander Fox, Mao Peng Khon, Chan Man Yuk, Wai Shing Chow, Yam Sui Chung, Mo Luen Cheung, Ho Chung Yin, Ma Chiu Tung.

P. S. SELWYN CLARKE, Director of Medical Services, Hongkong, 27th Nov., 1946.

NOTICE BATHING BEACHES

The Urban Council has appointed a Committee to consider the future use, development and control of bathing beaches in the Colony, including the New Territories, and, in particular, to advise as to the facilities which should be provided by Government, or granted by Government, to private persons or associations.

Members of the public, representatives of clubs, associations, etc., are hereby invited to forward in writing, to the Secretary, Urban Council, any expressions of opinion on this question that they may wish the Committee to consider.

Urban Council Office, Hongkong, 22nd Nov., 1946.

Notice to Consignees "SINKIANG"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on 3rd December, 1946, and consignee representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 29th Nov., 1946.

NOTICE MR. DAVID WOU

The above is no longer connected with this firm.

THE TRAVEL ADVISERS.

TENDERS

Tenders are invited for continuous cutting of grass, and undergrowth on Stonecutters Island.

Particulars of requirements can be obtained from N.A.S.O. B.N.A. Depot Stonecutters Island.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF TRAMCARS WEST OF WESTERN MARKET

Owing to force of circumstances which are beyond the Company's control it has been decided to withdraw all tramcar services West of Western Market as from midnight Saturday, November 30th next. This is greatly regretted and only dire necessity has rendered it imperative.

The Shaukiwan Route will remain as at present but all Happy Valley and Causeway Bay cars will turn back at Western Market. There will be no tramcars between Kennedy Town and Western Market. This is a temporary arrangement only pending the arrival of spare parts (especially steel tyres) from Europe.

It is understood the China Motor Bus Company will operate a restricted service of buses between Western Market and Whitty Street.

L. C. F. BELLAMY, General Manager, Hongkong, 26th Nov., 1946.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD.

Will the holder of 5 shares numbered 18552-18556, please communicate with the undersigned.

Certain information is required to complete the checking of the Company's Register of Members.

Douglas Lapraik & Co. General Managers, THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD. Hongkong, 27th Nov., 1946.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS attending the Cocktail Party on 30th instant are requested to note that ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY and these cannot be obtained at the door.

D. S. ROBB, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 26th Nov., 1946.

NOTICE

The French Convent Past Students' Association will be re-organised at an "At Home" which will take place at the French Convent School, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, November 30th, 1946, from 17.00 to 19.00 hours. All Past Students are expected to attend the function.

Sister HENRI, Head Mistress, French Convent School, Hongkong, 26th Nov., 1946.

NOTICE WILLIAMSON & COMPANY

P. & O. BUILDING ADVISE

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTYFIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on 20th December, 1946, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, receiving the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1941, for the period 1st January, 1942 to 31st December, 1945, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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GREECE

The march of events in Greece is not to be viewed with anything but profound disquiet. It is not merely a question of the disturbing incidents along the borders of Albania and Yugoslavia, and the guerrilla campaign. On the contrary, there is no getting away from the fact that the present regime is one of reaction and suppression, and that the speediest method of controlling the situation in Macedonia is probably, the formation of a government more widely acceptable throughout the country. Yet the Tsaldaris Government exercises its power in the presence of a British Army and when British economic influence is very considerable. The British military forces do not interfere in any way in the country's internal politics. Their presence there, however, does make it possible (by warning of their possible early removal) to influence the Government in the direction of the formation of a coalition government. Mr. Tsaldaris is reported to be making efforts to broaden his Government by the inclusion of moderate Liberal and Socialist elements. So far he has not been conspicuously successful. It is becoming increasingly clear that only the formation of a coalition Government, representative of all parties—including the Communists—will avert the early tragedy of another civil war. If British influence means anything at all, it should be exercised positively towards this end. To let things drift as they are doing now can lead only to disaster.

FREEDOM'S FRIEND

Many small subscriptions with a maximum of five shillings from any one individual are being sought to provide the funds to erect the memorial to President Roosevelt. The British people, who, in the words of the Prime Minister, look upon him "not only as a great man but as a personal friend," will thus all have an opportunity of sharing in this tribute. The President himself would have preferred this to a Parliamentary grant or a fund provided by a few large subscribers, for he liked people. Since he liked people he had a passionate love for individual freedom which he wished to see extended throughout the world. "The only whole man is a free man," he once said. The proposed statue will show him standing with the aid of his stick. His old cap, for which he had an almost superstitious affection, is draped round his shoulders. He was wearing it only a few minutes before his death while sitting for his portrait in his cottage of Warm Springs. Those who know him must have preserved many a fleeting memory of him in just such a stance. Some have complained that the pose is unrepresentative and that the President should have been shown seated. But the only time he appeared seated on a public occasion was just before his death, when he made his report to Congress on the Yalta Conference. To show President Roosevelt in any other way than erect would be failure to understand his fundamental character. The statue to the President will be erected in Grosvenor Square. The site is obviously well chosen because of its association with the United States during the war and long before. But it is well chosen in another sense, for Grosvenor Square means great of chief historians and Roosevelt was Freedom's great hunter. As the Prime Minister said: "It is, I think, as a fighter for Freedom that he will be best remembered." The hunt is not yet finished. But the statue in Grosvenor Square will serve till the time when men can say of Roosevelt and the world as a whole: "If you seek a monument look around you."

London Sees German Naval Secrets

I take my helmet hat off to the men of the Minesweeping Service. Over 25,000 of them constantly risked their lives in one of the most hazardous yet unspectacular and least publicized tasks of World War II. For six years their lot was one of hard living and continual vigilance in stormy seas in all climates, and they bore at all times the strain of unseen danger. And their job didn't

By PETER LOVEGROVE

even cease when Doenitz surrendered—there was still the clearing of enemy minefields to be undertaken. And the late war has seen a deluge of a lot of mines. It has not yet been possible to estimate the number of enemy mines laid, but it is known that we laid 263,000, 77 per cent of which were buoyant, and the remainder ground mines. The latter were responsible for the sinking of almost all the 1,041 enemy ships and 33 U-boats which fell to British mines. Another 541 enemy vessels were damaged. Buoyant mines were chiefly used in our own waters for protecting the convey lanes, and their success is measured not by the number of enemy ships sunk, but by the number of our own vessels which were saved from attack by their deterrent effect.

Londoners these days are being given an opportunity of seeing for themselves just what these unseen dangers were and the complexity of the dredged weapons which have been called a "scientist's paradise." At the Science Museum is an Admiralty exhibition of representative German and British mines and de-mining material used during the late war.

It makes no pretence of being complete. Some material which has not been compromised by use against the enemy is not on view, and anyway there were so many varieties of mines and so many activation systems—for instance, we used no fewer than a hundred different firing-circuits—that it was impossible to accommodate them all.

But there is—more than enough on view to convince the least mechanically-minded and impressionable, such as your London correspondent, of the tremendous skill and regrettable ingenuity which were devoted to perfecting the submarine mine, and of the diabolical threat to shipping that it represents.

During World War I mines, almost without exception, had to be struck by the target in

order to produce an explosion. During the uneasy years of peace, both sides evolved some effective machinery to increase the range of detection. And at the same time, other groups of scientists developed other types of mines which were even more subtle than those employed in 1914-18 and would be harder to sweep.

The Admiralty exhibition shows these fairly recent refinements—the finished products, the interior mechanism, and models showing how they work. The prize exhibit is the first German parachute magnetic mine to be recovered complete in Britain.

This was the weapon on which Hitler had relied way back in 1939 to destroy the British merchant fleet. It had been invented eight years previously and since then the cleverest German brains had failed to find the antidote. It did considerable damage in the early months of the war, and it certainly looked as if merchant traffic would be paralysed unless the remedy could be found quickly. The men in the sweepers did all they could, but they were powerless against this weapon new to their experience.

And then a wicked-looking 1,200 lbs. of mischief with spokes all over it dropped on the sands at Shoeburyness, Essex on the night of 22nd November, 1939, volunteer specialist officers from H.M.S. Vernon, the Torpedo and Mining School, rendered it safe within 12 hours; in another dozen hours it had been stripped and the secrets of the magnetic mine were placed before Mr. Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty. Soon after the antidote was discovered, a new sweep was evolved, its principle being to create a magnetic field which would activate the mine, and the sweepers again began to achieve most satisfactory results. For ship's direct protection, the Royal Navy produced the "de-mining girdle," named ironically enough after a German scientist, which was a simple but effective device, which was fitted to vessels of all sizes. By D-Day, the British De-mining Organisation was responsible for minimising the danger from magnetic mines in respect of some 18,000 vessels. The main menace of these ships in a satisfactory condition involved the magnetic measurement of some 500 ships a day, and at one time, 1,200 miles of wire cable were being used weekly to fit the vessels.

After the magnetic mine came fresh engines of destruction: the antenna electro-chemical, acoustic and "oyster" (Continued at foot of next Col.)

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay.

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WATCH THE TINY CARDS

"Unimportant" cards determine the result on lots of hands. Star players make plenty of contracts because they observe the fall of the little spotters, and take stock like a storekeeper as they go along. If the discard of some insignificant card marks the pattern of what remains in a particular hand, it is sometimes possible to wind up with a squeeze or throw-in play which will rescue an apparently defeated project.

S 10 2
 H K J
 D A K 10 9 8 6 2
 C 10 7
 S 4
 H A Q 8 7 5
 D Q 7 3
 C J 6 5 4
 S K J 8 6
 H 10 9 4 2
 D 4
 C K Q 9 3
 (Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North East South West
 1D 1S INT Pass
 2D Pass 2NT Pass
 3D Pass 3NT
 South was amply warned about the nature of North's opening bid, but paid no heed to the danger of seeking a No Trump game with only a singleton in the partner's long suit. Against any lead but a heart that contract would have been easy, by giving up a third-round diamond trick and using the heart K for a re-entry to run the other diamonds. But West led his heart. Now South had to call on his powers of observation and ingenuity, also his luck. The

dummy's J won the heart lead and he led the spade 10. East scored his A and returned his last heart. West played the A to drop the K, scored the Q, then led the 5 to the 10. On the third heart East discarded the spade 3, and on the fourth the club 8. South, with his eyes open, saw that club, and remembered it.

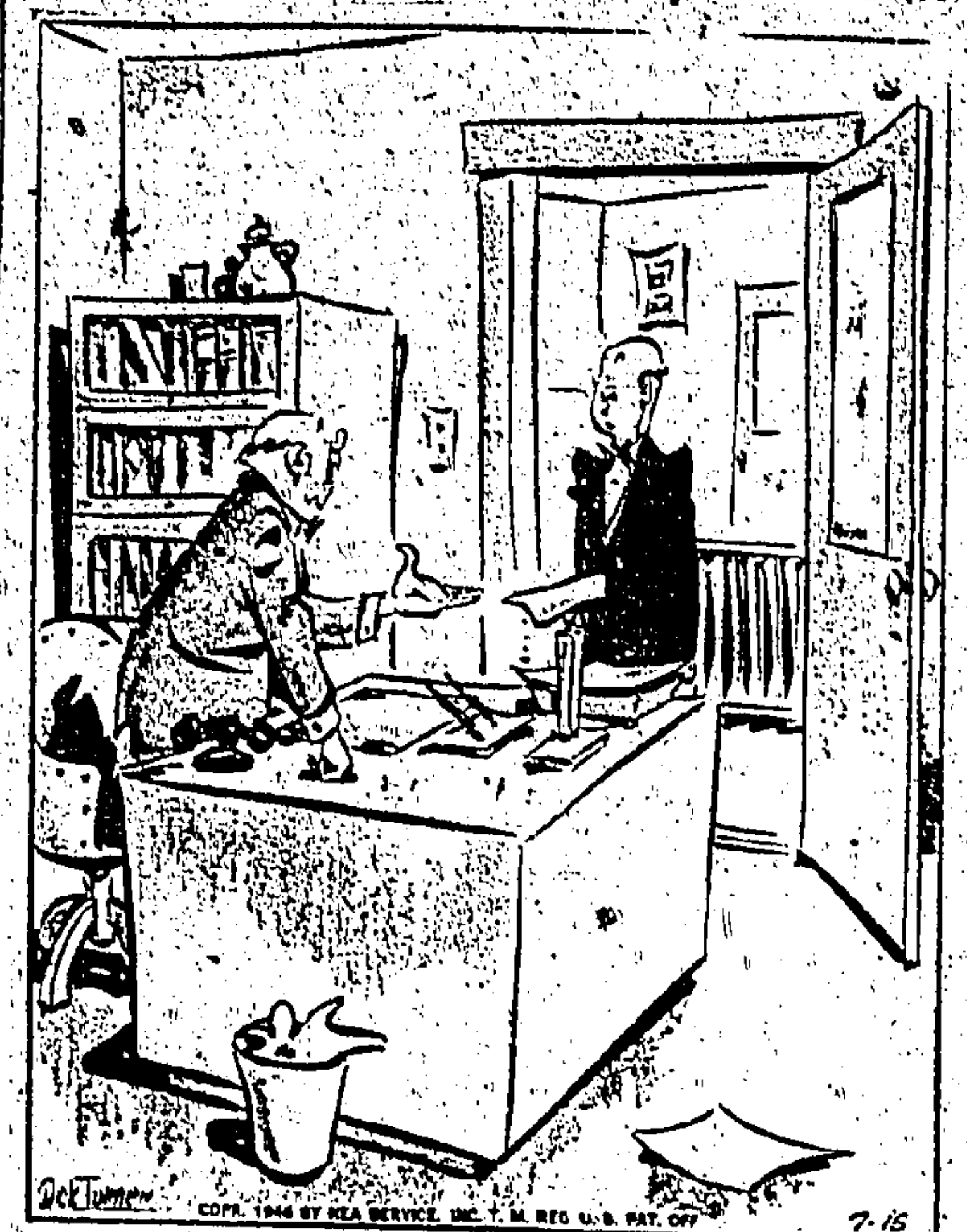
Now he took dummy's two high diamonds and led the spade 2. When East played low and the 8 won, West discarded. That confirmed South's reading of East as still holding the spade Q-9-7 and the club A, and another. When he now led the club K, East had a chance to set him two by winning with the A and returning his other club, to throw South in the lead. But East, a poor defensive player, did what South hoped, played his little one. South then put him in with the club 9, and East had to lead from his spade into the K-J, giving South his contract with the club Q taking the final trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 5 2
 H 9 6 3
 D A 8 6 4 2
 C 9 7 5
 S J 8 7 4
 H J 8 5
 D K 9 7
 C Q 8
 S K Q 3
 H A K 4
 D Q J 6
 C A 10 6 8
 (Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
 What simple play by South will determine the fate of his 2-No Trumps here after he wins the second spade lead?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Come, come, Bushman! I promote you and how do you thank me? You ask for a raise!"

The Marshal Ney Mystery

By NATE WEGODSKY

A backwoods school teacher died at Cleveland, North Carolina on November 15, 1948 and now—a full century later—Carolinians, convinced that the story he told was true, still are trying to substantiate his deathbed claim that he was Michel Ney, Napoleon's Marshal of France. By historical account the Marshal, Duke of Elchingen, Prince of the Moskova and one of Bonaparte's most favored generals and trusted lieutenants, died before a firing squad in the Luxembourg gardens, on December 7, 1815, after Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo and his banishment to St. Helena.

But Peter Stewart Ney, the Carolina schoolmaster, insisted on his deathbed that he was the French Marshal. He had escaped the firing squad by a complicated ruse, made his way to the United States to wander the young nation's frontiers and finally sought refuge in teaching. It was a story at which he had often hinted during his lifetime when liquor had loosened his tongue.

Time has only defended the enigma of his death. Books have been written in support of his story. Other books have renounced his claims. Carolinians interested in unravelling the twisted threads of the Ney mystery have formed a new memorial association and there is a continuing search for further indisputable evidence.

Shorthand Diary

Ney was known to have kept a shorthand diary. One such diary recently found, now is, being translated, and may finally resolve the conflict between the disbelievers, historians and the Carolina legend.

The Ney mystery has all the plot elements of the standard mystery thriller: the puzzling shorthand diary, records burned and lost at sea, exhumation of the body, the drawing of an important witness and deathbed revelations. It touches the secret masonic and rosicrucian orders. The historical puzzle was brought to light again a short while ago, when members of the memorial association held cen-

mines, all of which were even more difficult to detect, and then improved versions of all of these, equipped with delay devices and electric clocks running for over 200 days, and which can be fixed to complete the firing circuit after a certain number of hours or only when a given number of ships have passed over. They're all at the Science Museum now, together with a small ground mine—containing a mere 500 lbs. of high explosive—of the type we used so successfully in the Danube and the Kiel and Dortmund-Emms Canals. It is known that no less than one million tons of shipping were held up in the Kiel Canal by a few of these mines skillfully placed by Bomber Command.

Yet, although the enemy strewed their mines indiscriminately and in large numbers along unsuspected routes, over 2,000 British ships were at sea every day, and between 100 and 150 moved daily in and out of U.K. harbours alone—thanks to the vigilance of the Minesweepers.

LIFTED PRICE CONTROLS

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

President Truman's decision to remove the price controls from meat and all other foods except sugar, sugar products and rice, has been widely applauded, and no one can doubt that it was a correct decision. The shortages that exist in the United States today are essentially artificial. Given a free hand the generous fertility of the American soil, coupled with the immense resources of American people, but also of a considerable part of the rest of the human race.

By dropping price controls the Government has done its part to allow the free competitive system to deliver the goods. And now the future is squarely in the hands of American organized labour. If Labour continues in its recent policy of strikes and "go slow" great disaster will descend on the United States. And the rest of the world, instead of being led out of its poverty and misery by the immense productive resources of this country, will be involved in an aggravation of its present lot.

There are, however, signs that the worst labour disputes are a thing of the past. If the United States could have even a six-months period free from strikes, it could probably double its productive capacity. That would be of incalculable assistance not only toward the postwar recovery of the United States, but to the whole world. While few people dispute that President Truman has at last taken the correct action in lifting price controls, neither he, nor his administration, nor the Democratic Party, is receiving much credit from the decision. The middle and vicious class which had gone before has robbed it of its psychological value.

Habit To Blame

My observations, during the past few weeks, as I have been driving around the eastern states of America, incline me to think that the habits of the people are as much to blame for the present scarcity of meat, for instance as any other circumstance. When Americans eat meat they serve it in gargantuan portions. This is true of nearly all foodstuffs, and there is still enough food going into the pigsties of the United States to double the rations of any medium-sized European country.

Recently I was driving through the northern part of New York State and stopped for lunch at a small restaurant on the road. On the bill of fare, among other tempting dishes, was "Sirloin Steak," \$3. After all I had read in the papers about the impossibility of buying steak, and after an unvarying diet of chicken and turkey in New York City, I felt it was almost a duty to order the steak in spite of its price. Ten minutes later the waitress brought me an enormous plate bearing the biggest piece of meat I have ever seen. It was so immense that I took the trouble to measure it very carefully. It was just over nine inches long, four inches wide.

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SOVIETS PULLING OUT

Berlin, Nov. 28. Reports of large-scale withdrawals by Soviet troops from the Soviet occupied zone of Germany were confirmed by a Soviet source here today. "Large contingents are moving out in the course of demobilization," a senior Soviet officer said. Travellers arriving in Berlin from the Russian zone said the withdrawals began last Friday. A reliable informant spoke of the movement of six divisions and brigades "mainly from Thuringia and Saxony." The withdrawals appear to be principally of infantry and there are no reports of movements by Soviet Air Force personnel.—Reuter.

at \$1,000, included presents to the Marchioness from her husband, who died in 1943.—Reuter.

Worldwide System Of Inspection Urged

Lake Success, N.Y., Nov. 28.

Declaring that an armament race has begun, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov today followed up his proposal to ban warlike use of atomic energy by proposing a system of worldwide inspection. Britain, represented by Sir Hartley Shawcross, warmly welcomed the Soviet proposals.

Canada and Australia also welcomed the Soviet proposal, but said they would move amendments to strengthen it. Speaking in the resumed debate in the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on the Soviet disarmament proposals, Mr. Molotov submitted a supplementary proposal for two commissions of inspection to ensure that disarmament decisions of the United Nations Security Council would be carried out.

Firstly, a commission to check the carrying out of the Council's decision on a reduction of armaments. Secondly, a commission to check the carrying out of a decision on the proposal to ban military use of atomic energy. Mr. Parodi, of France, chairman of the existing Atomic Energy Commission, urged that the commission should be allowed to continue its work on the same basis as it began.

Calling upon the United Nations to "put an end to the armament race which has begun," Mr. Molotov declared: "The second World War ought to convince us that it is necessary to take now grave measures in order to avoid another similar war."

Pledging Britain's support for a general reduction of armaments, Sir Hartley Shawcross said that disarmament efforts between the two wars had failed for lack of an effective system of inspection and control.

"Disarmament and collective security go hand in hand," he said. "We cannot embark on one without the other."

When today's debate on troops in foreign territory was resumed, Britain and the United States requested the Egyptian delegate to withdraw his amendment urging the withdrawal of foreign troops from United Nations member territories.

Supplement

Following the return to Britain yesterday of Mr. Noel Baker, Sir Hartley Shawcross, Attorney-General, is now leading the British delegation on the committee.

When the question of disarmament arose, Mr. Molotov submitted a supplement to the original Soviet proposal reading:

"To ensure adoption of measures for a reduction of armaments and prohibition of the use of atomic energy for military purposes, there shall be established within the framework of the Security Council, who bear the main responsibility for international peace and security, international control operating on the basis of special provision which would provide for establishment of special organs of inspection, for which purpose there shall be formed: Firstly, a commission for the control of execution of any decision regarding reduction of armaments. Secondly, a commission for the control of any decision regarding prohibition of the use of atomic energy for military purposes."

Mr. Molotov, recalling the Soviet Government's proposal to outlaw atomic weapons, declared: "It is not difficult to imagine how more grave and how greater the victims of the last war would have been if the convention prohibiting the use of poison gas and bacteriological warfare had not been arrived at."

"If it is right as regards poison gas, it is more right to prohibit the utilisation of atomic energy in war. Any refusal to arrive at a convention to prohibit the use of atomic energy in warfare is contradiction of the strivings and conscience of the peoples of the world."

"When we speak of a reduction of armaments and the prohibition of the use of atomic weapons, we must fully realise the importance of this task. This matter must be looked into in detail."

The Soviet delegate asserted that the work of the UNO on the problem of general reduction of armaments will be followed by people throughout the world with the greatest interest and urged the Security Council must take up the matter in the immediate future.

Mr. Parodi, of France, declared it was "absolutely certain" that a general disarmament plan could not be considered at this time if the atomic weapon question was not made part of it. Canada and Australia welcomed the Soviet proposal, but said they would move amendments to strengthen it.

Sir Hartley Shawcross expressed Britain's warm welcome to Mr. Molotov's proposal. Pledging Britain's support for a general reduction of armaments, he made a strong plea for an effective system of inspection and control.

"The Soviet proposal has raised a matter in which words are not enough and in which action is urgent, not only for future peace of the world but for its economic recovery from the disastrous effects of the last war."

"The mere passing of pious resolutions, conclusion of pacts of friendship and the solemn signature of our countries to the UNO Charter is not enough," he said.

"The existence of vast armies, such as exist at present, is a constant threat to peace," said Sir Hartley. "The burden of maintaining such forces cripples the countries of the world in the great task of economic reconstruction. The war-wrecked world cries out for relief from these threats and burdens so that it may enter at last into the golden age of liberty, peace and prosperity."

"We have now the opportunity of taking a step forward and making sure it will have some real effect and not be a mere sham, a fraud to be used for the purpose of political propaganda, or to lull unsuspecting people into a false sense of security."

"What use is it to furnish figures, supply information, agree to cut down particular forces, and to undertake not to use a particular form of weapon if that is all that is done? We had experience of that in those bitter years between two wars. But the nations at that time did nothing effective for enforcement of that which they had provided in their treaties and resolutions."

Not Unilateral Disarmament

Britain who, for the first time, was compelled to introduce conscription in peacetime because of the maintenance of vast and ever increasing forces in other parts of the

FORGED POUNDS CIRCULATING

Washington, Nov. 28. Counterfeit British currency is circulating in Switzerland, according to a warning issued to the public by the Attorney-General.

Notes of \$10, \$20 and \$50 sterling were brought to Switzerland in the spring of 1945 by a Hungarian refugee, who acquired them in good faith in Budapest, the Attorney-General's office said. The Hungarian sold most of the notes to a Basle merchant, who put them into circulation.—Associated Press.

world, "is most anxious to ensure quickly a large and progressive measure of armament limitations, but we are unwilling to disarm unilaterally."

"We are not prepared to reduce our army to negligible proportions if other powers retain vast forces which they can dispose."

"This time we must have an effective system of collective security, the operation of which cannot be prevented or obstructed by an aggressor state, and which will be able to go to the aid of any state which may be subject of unjust attack."

"Disarmament and collective security go hand in hand. We cannot embark on one without the other. There must be adequate and certain means of ensuring that nations are in fact disarming and that the limitations proposed, or prohibitions adopted, are in fact being carried out and made effective by each particular state."

"It is no use cutting down military and air forces if at the same time civilian forces are maintained in such way that they can instantly be turned to military use."

"It is no use saying there are no vast stocks of rocket bombs available if a nation is able to turn out rockets in large number at a moment's notice. We must have control and inspection of weapons and war potential."

"Open All Doors"

"We are prepared to lift all curtains and open all doors to such international system. I am glad to gather the Soviet Union no longer raises any objection to the establishment of some such system."

"What other country is afraid or reluctant to do the same? Let them state their position now if any such exists, so that the whole world may know that every state is now ready and willing not only to disclose military information, not only to agree to control and limitation, but to agree also to the establishment, not in years far ahead but in the immediate future, of a full and effective system of a full and effective system not affected by and veto power for collective security for inspection and for limitation of armaments."

"In that way, and in that way only, can these proposals be left outside the realm of propaganda and suspicion and hold out any hope for the future of the world."

The committee adjourned till tomorrow.—Reuter.

Ukraine Accuses Britain

Lake Success, N.Y.

Nov. 28.

Britain was accused by Ukraine in the United Nations today of harbouring a division of 120,000 Quisling Ukrainians in northern Italy.

The allegation was made at a meeting of the Social Committee during today's debate on the International Refugees Organization.

The Ukrainian delegate, M. Lev Medved, alleged that the "Pellura" division had been subsidised by the British Command at Cesenatico, near Rimini. He declared: "I shall go on talking till all war criminals are caught and no longer enjoy the protection of Britain."

Mr. Frank Beswick, of Britain, said the Social Committee was not the place to discuss such matters. Mrs. Roosevelt, supporting the British delegate, said war criminals were already covered in the draft constitution of the International Refugees Organization, and there was no need for the new Soviet amendment.

By 22 votes to nine the committee defeated the Soviet amendment proposing that all military units which helped Hitler and all persons hostile to home Governments be excluded from International Refugees Organization help.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

LIFTED PRICE CONTROLS

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wide and fully an inch thick. It must have weighed at least a pound and a half.

Tender But

It was a very tender steak, and beautifully cooked, but there was no chance at all that I would be able to eat it all. I have a very good appetite, but could manage no more than a third of that cut of meat. What I left on my plate, I presume, was thrown away.

In England, the meat ration is calculated on a price basis and, allowing for the higher prices over here, I reckoned that that steak represented one Englishman's ration of meat for about ten weeks. This sort of thing must happen thousands of times every day, and must lead to a tremendous wastage. Would it not be better to serve reasonable helpings at half the price, and let those who have the appetites of giants ask for more?

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BRITISH PROPOSAL ON TROOPS PASSED

Lake Success, N.Y., Nov. 28.

Passage of the British resolution settling the troops' census controversy by the United Nations General Assembly was assured today when the Assembly's Political and Security Council passed it by more than a two-thirds majority.

The British proposal—that all members of the United Nations should report on all their troops at home and abroad by December 15—was adopted by the Committee by 34 to seven, with four abstentions.

This was regarded here as an important achievement by the British delegation which had taken the lead throughout in insisting that the original Russian proposal for a census of United Nations troops abroad should be extended to include those at home as well.

Close Vote

The gains were summed up in informed circles here thus:—
1. The committee removed the "slur" contained in the original Russian resolution—the implication that a census was necessary to allay political uneasiness caused by the presence of Allied troops on territories of other members of the United Nations.

2. The committee insisted that the survey should be conducted for the purpose of contributing to a general reduction of armaments and not as a means of allaying alleged uneasiness in countries in which troops are stationed.

3. By including troops in enemy territories, troops at home and troops in Allied territory, the census will be the most complete survey of world military strength ever made.

Although the British proposal

for verification of information supplied on the spot was defeated, the British were understood tonight to be discussing the possibility of raising this question again when the resolution comes up for approval in the plenary session of the Assembly.

Close Vote

They were encouraged to hope that it might still be agreed to, chiefly by the closeness of the vote by which it was defeated yesterday—24 to 19—and, secondly, by the fact that the committee was faced yesterday with the choice between the British proposal for verification and the United States amendment making the effective date December 15.

This was considered to have weakened the British position. It was still thought possible tonight that the United States might decide to support the principle of inspection applied to the United Nations. In that case, Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, has indicated that he would support the British proposal for verification.

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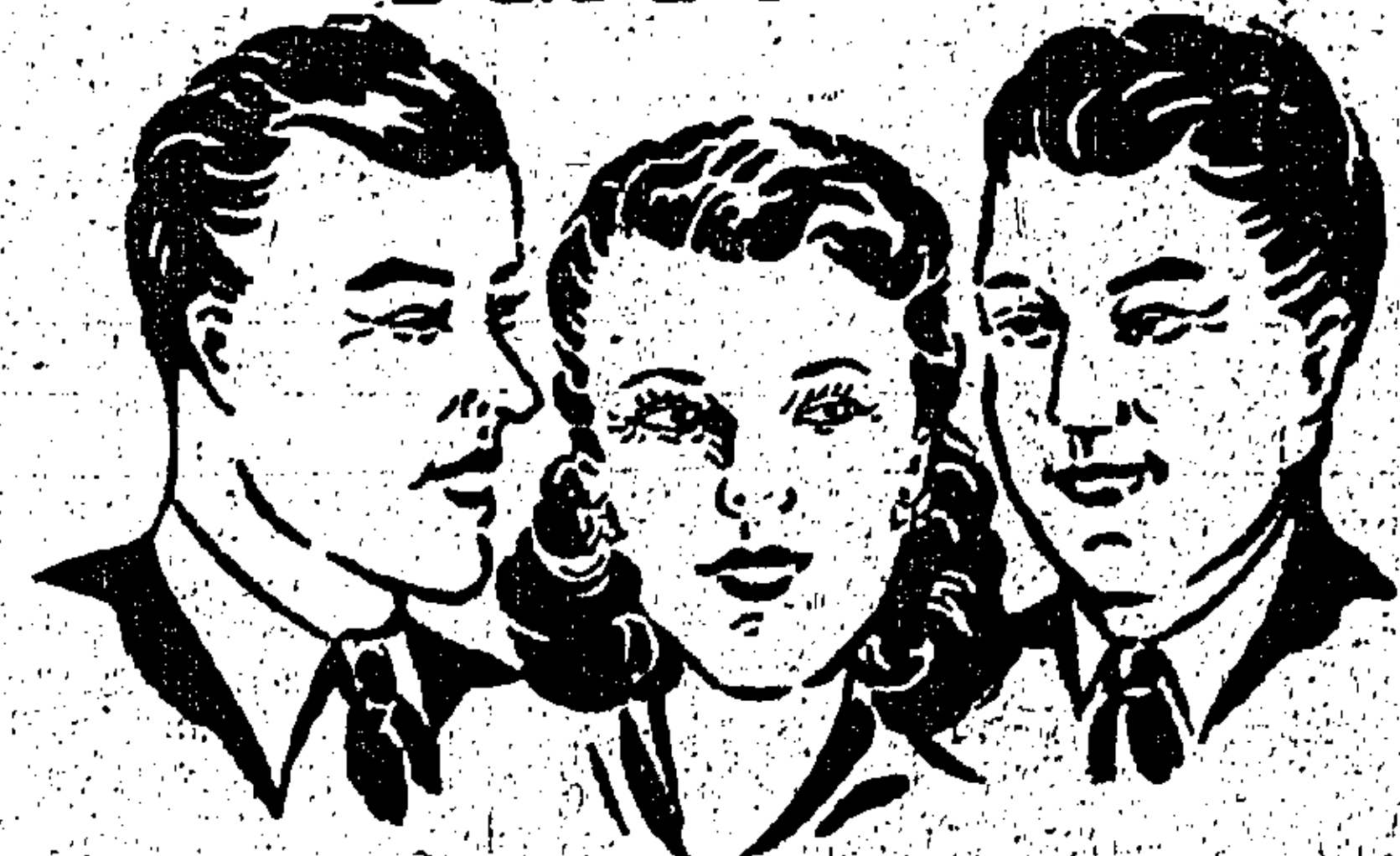
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London, Nov. 28. Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., today opened the case for the defence in the libel case that Mr. Harold J. Laski, Professor of Political Science at the London University and last year's Chairman of the Labour Party, is bringing against the Newark Advertising Company, Limited, publishers of the "Newark Advertiser," and Cyril Paribby, editor.

Sir Patrick Hastings said that it was in his submission, "too clear for words" that Professor Laski had used the statement complained of—which includes a phrase imputing that he advocated a revolution by violence. He suggested that the jury might think that Professor Laski was not a dangerous person but "more in the nature—I do not want to appear to be rude—of being troublesome and tiresome."

The real question the jury had to decide, Sir Patrick said, was whether Professor Laski spoke the words which defendants said he did. Professor Laski's advisers had pleaded innuendo which included treason and felony. Defendants never said that Professor Laski was guilty of that crime.

Replying to witnesses for Professor Laski who yesterday denied hearing Professor Laski use the words, Sir Patrick estimated that 80 per cent of the witnesses from Newark called for the plaintiff did not hear some words which Professor Laski had admitted he used.

"There is all the difference in the world between calling a lot of people to say that they did not hear something and calling people to say that they did hear something," Counsel added.

Key Phrase

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SOVIET VOLCANO ERUPTING

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gave almost equal space to reports of Conservative, Labour and Liberal meetings.

Provocation

Mr. Wentworth Day, giving evidence, told counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. G. O. Slade, K.C., that his questions were designed to provoke Professor Laski.

Mr. Slade: "And you ended up with the statement that he was just the type of blood-thirsty little man who had not smelt a bullet?"

"Do you still think that he was a coward?—I have never said that he was a coward but I think he was a very mischievous man."

"Did you intend to convey the suggestion that he was inciting people to revolution?—I honestly believed that he was."

"There is doubt, is there, that you intended to convey that Professor Laski had openly incited the population to a revolution by violence?—That is what I understood from extracts of speeches which he had made."

The hearing was then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 28. Quiet conditions continued in most sections of the chartering market but rates were firm on sustained demand. In the River Plate section, a vessel was arranged for heavy grain from Bahia Blanca to Antwerp at \$17 per ton, with the option of discharging at Marseilles or Genoa at \$17.75. Anthracite was fixed from Philadelphia to Antwerp at \$8.15 per ton.—Reuter.

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JAPS COMING BACK TO THE MARKETS**NORWAY'S BUDGET**Oslo, Nov. 29.
The Norwegian national budget for 1947 includes among expected revenue items and damages from "traffics" and estimates receipts will total 50,000,000 kroner.

The money will come from members of the late Vidkun Quisling's Nazi party, who are being investigated by the police. Persons who are found innocent of crimes other than Nazi party membership may pay a fine according to their means and the degree of their wrongdoing.

Refusals to pay are few, most people preferring to pay and avoid the scandal of a public trial. — Associated Press.

POST OFFICE**NOTICES****Outward Mails**AIRMAIL SERVICE TO MANILA, P.I.
The Airmail Service to Manila P.I. will be inaugurated on Monday, Dec. 2, 1946. The closing time is as follows:
G.P.O.—Registered at 9.30 a.m., Ordinary at 10 a.m.
Kowloon C.P.O.—Registered at 9 a.m., Ordinary at 9.30 a.m.
The postage rate for Letter is 60 cents per every 150g. and Postcard at 30 cents each.

Postage rate ("By Sea" only) for Christmas Cards in open covers bearing not more than five written words is five cents.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (G.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Sheki (Kwong Fook Cheung) 11 a.m.

Straits (Van Heuts) 2 p.m.

Siamkong (Kwongchowwan) (Shahlin) Noon.

Amoy and Swatow (Amoy) 3 p.m.

Manila P.I. (May On) 3 p.m.

Shanghai (Dietz) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Johannesburg, Delhi, Ceylon (B.O.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Kuning and Chungking (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Sheki (Merry Muller) 4 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

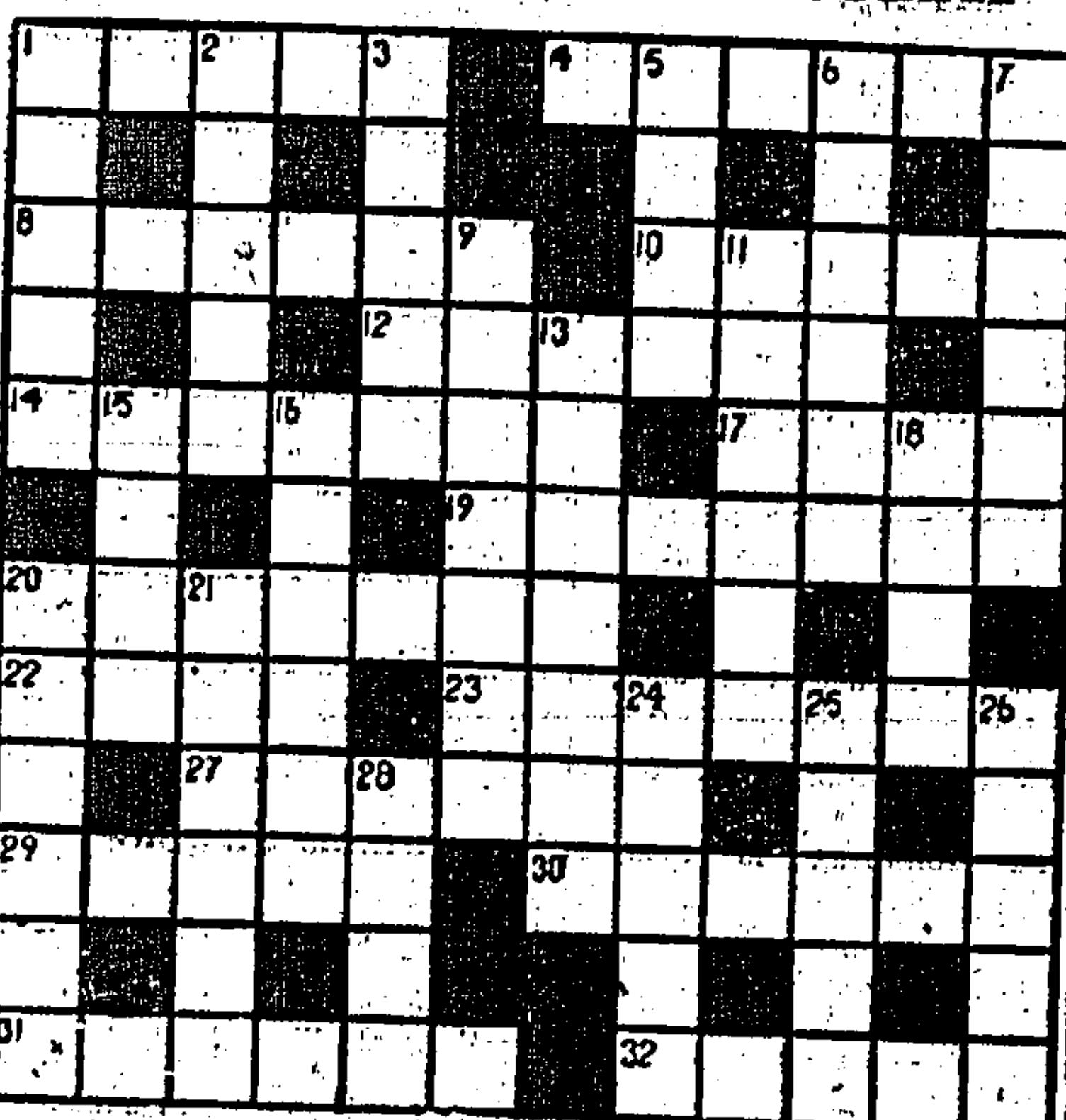
SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Airmail for Hainan, Kweilin, Hankow & Nanjing (G.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 30/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 1/12.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 30/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 1/12.

Kowloon (Kwan Loi) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 30/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 1/12.

Canton (Sai On) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 30/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 1/12.

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- Merchant
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22. Field game.
23. Made-up dish.
27. Highway.
29. Bury.
30. Deserves.
31. Drenched.
32. Ailing.

Clues Down

- Wire.
- Strength.
- Put away.
- Scottish hill-side.
- Decide.
- Chain.
- Occidental.
- Serpents.
- Arena.
15. Ban.
16. Take away.
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20. Booty.
21. Joyful.
24. Oases.
25. Green colour.
26. Attempt.
28. Gaelic.

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London, Nov. 28.

The foundation is now being laid for Japan's emergence as the major manufacturing and exporting nation of Asia, writes the "Manchester Guardian". At the end of August, 1946, just one year after the end of the war, she had already a favourable balance of yen 51,729,000 (\$857,000) from her foreign trade.

In the year she had exported 25,241,000 worth of silk, tin, lead, tea, crude rubber, antimony etc. and imported 24,334,000 worth of raw cotton and food. While the Supreme Command for the Allied Powers states that any member of the United Nations may apply for permission to trade with Japan so far the United States has supplied almost all Japan's imports and bought 67 per cent of her exports.

Of all the plans for the future the most immediate importance is the textile programme. If this is carried out the day when Asia's Asiatics will again wear clothes made in Japan is not far off. Japan is already exporting raw silk and silk products. Soon she will begin to export cotton yarn and cloth to Asia. Within three years at the most, according to official estimates, Japan will have recaptured her prewar position in the Far Eastern markets and by 1951 she will have almost a world monopoly in silk.

While some 50 per cent of her raw cotton used to be obtained from India, probably most of it will now come from the United States. Imports of 800,000 bales being already planned. Because of labour shortages, output will be lower than was expected for the rest of this year, but by 1947 Japan will be producing a surplus of cotton yarn and cloth for export to Burma, Malaya, the East Indies and India. In return the Japanese will obtain foreign credits to finance food imports and pay occupation costs.

"Bridiculous"
SCAP officials are confident that their plan will prevail in spite of objections. China's suggestion that Japan be prohibited for ten years in foreign trade for ten years is ridiculous, they say. They doubt whether China could replace Japan in the textile field within ten years, and say that in any case the people of Asia cannot wait so long for clothes. Stronger opposition is expected from American, British and Indian textile manufacturers, but it will not develop fully for two or three years because they are now fully occupied.

The plans for Japan's silk industry are even more ambitious than those for the cotton industry, the "Manchester Guardian" continues. "While the world's future demand for silk is put at about 30,000,000 lb. a year,

London, Nov. 28.

The President of the Board of Trade's warning on the British trade position yesterday resulted in some optimism in several sections of the Stock Exchange today.

Declines, however, were mainly due to marking down rather than actual selling pressure. Business was on a small scale throughout. Several leading industrialists shed a few pounds.

Home and foreign railways both closed better on the day. Railways met some local and Cape support and closed firm. Among foreign cars, Chinese bonds were inclined to prominence, rising up to one point on some speculative buying. Central America A/C Rates: Mexico 12.45, 12.65, 12.85, 13.05, 13.25, 13.45, 13.65, 13.85, 14.05, 14.25, 14.45, 14.65, 14.85, 15.05, 15.25, 15.45, 15.65, 15.85, 16.05, 16.25, 16.45, 16.65, 16.85, 17.05, 17.25, 17.45, 17.65, 17.85, 18.05, 18.25, 18.45, 18.65, 18.85, 19.05, 19.25, 19.45, 19.65, 19.85, 20.05, 20.25, 20.45, 20.65, 20.85, 21.05, 21.25, 21.45, 21.65, 21.85, 22.05, 22.25, 22.45, 22.65, 22.85, 23.05, 23.25, 23.45, 23.65, 23.85, 24.05, 24.25, 24.45, 24.65, 24.85, 25.05, 25.25, 25.45, 25.65, 25.85, 26.05, 26.25, 26.45, 26.65, 26.85, 27.05, 27.25, 27.45, 27.65, 27.85, 28.05, 28.25, 28.45, 28.65, 28.85, 29.05, 29.25, 29.45, 29.65, 29.85, 30.05, 30.25, 30.45, 30.65, 30.85, 31.05, 31.25, 31.45, 31.65, 31.85, 32.05, 32.25, 32.45, 32.65, 32.85, 33.05, 33.25, 33.45, 33.65, 33.85, 34.05, 34.25, 34.45, 34.65, 34.85, 35.05, 35.25, 35.45, 35.65, 35.85, 36.05, 36.25, 36.45, 36.65, 36.85, 37.05, 37.25, 37.45, 37.65, 37.85, 38.05, 38.25, 38.45, 38.65, 38.85, 39.05, 39.25, 39.45, 39.65, 39.85, 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